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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern:

The "settlement" is a total surrender on your side.

The main reason: you leave untouched the many provisions in the Microsoft-OEM contracts that were from the very beginning the basis for building a monopoly and later to abuse of the same.

Judge Jackson had copies of such contracts in his hands, but utterly failed to understand the role they have played. Not even their status as "trade secret" was questioned; of course, the only secret protected by such status, is the arm-twisting methods that MS uses to force their low-quality products on OEMs and consumers.

Bottom line: due to the contracts, no OEM installs other operating systems besides Windows in the same computer, and very few offer computers *without* Windows, because the have to pay for the OEM-licence anyway.

This is just another botched, alibi settlement.

THE CONSUMER STILL HAS NO CHOICE

My best regards, Aquiles Luna